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Chair, NYS Senate Corporations, Authorities and Commissions Committee
Legislative Office Building
Room 609
Albany, NY 12247

RE: Emergency Hearings Regarding Amtrak & Penn Station

Dear Chairmen Dinowitz and Ranzenhofer:

We are writing in support of the request made by Senator Todd Kaminsky to investigate the drastic increase in cancellations and delays that have plagued the service into New York City/Penn Station. These delays have caused our residents who regularly commute via Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) immense hardship. As you know, Long Beach relies very heavily on LIRR service, both to take residents to work and school in New York City, but also to transport visitors to our beaches during the busy summer months. If this situation continues, it will have a devastating effect on the summer beach season and all of the businesses in our City which rely on it for their livelihoods.

This is not simply a matter of minor inconvenience. Our residents deserve an opportunity to ask tough questions, voice their concerns, and hold MTA leadership and Amtrak management accountable about these problems. To that end, we urge you to hold joint hearings as soon as possible.

Very Truly Yours,

City of Long Beach City Council & City Manager



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